



State of Arizona

Acupuncture Board of Examiners

Calendar Year 2006

Newsletter

Mission Statement: *The mission of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Arizona by regulating and maintaining standards of practice in the field of acupuncture.*

Acupuncture Board of Examiners

<i>Della Estrada, L.Ac. Chairman</i>	<i>Joe Balensi, L.Ac.. Secretary</i>
<i>Yong Deng, L.Ac. Professional Member</i>	<i>Vacant Professional Member</i>
<i>Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H) Professional Member</i>	<i>Michael Robb, D.C. Professional Member</i>
<i>Vacant Public Member</i>	<i>Toni Karnas Public Member</i>
<i>Diane Pruetz Public Member</i>	

Board Staff:

***Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director***

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What's New at the Board?

Diane Pruetz and Dr. Rebecca Wilks were appointed by the Governor to serve on the Board. The Board said goodbye to Board Members Lal Fernando and Marcey Rosin due to resignations.

The Board office has initiated a customer survey to better understand and serve the needs of applicants, licensees, and the general public.

Executive Director Pete Gonzalez was elected vice president of the Federation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

Regulatory Agencies. The mission of the Federation is to provide an organization through which state agencies can work together and share information from their respective state.

Our website continues to be developed and items added to enhance communication and education between the Board, the public and practitioners.

You can now do a query to look up an acupuncturist, determine their license status, get their address and telephone number of record. Find out if there is any past disciplinary action.

More information has been added to the FAQ and consumer information sections. We continue to plan and add information to the website to better serve and educate the licensees, certificate holders and the public.

New Legislation

The Legislature enacted HB 2786 during the 2006 legislative session which requires licensed acupuncturists to prepare a written protocol for the storage, transfer and access of patient medical records if the practice is sold or terminated. Non-compliance of this requirement is considered an act of unprofessional conduct.

Getting a hold of us at the Board office:

Phone: (602) 542-3095

Fax: (602) 542-3093

Website: www.azacuboard.az.gov

E-mail: pete.gonzalez@azacuboard.az.gov

Did you know that in 2006, the Board office responded to over 1,200 phone calls and close to 100 requests for information?

Did you change your office or home address or get a new telephone number?

Please remember that AAC R4-8-103 requires that every person holding a license or certificate shall, within **20 days**, notify the Board **in writing** of any change in mailing address (giving both the old and the new address), or residential or business telephone numbers.

So mail, fax or e-mail your address change to us.

ATTENTION All Auricular Certificate Holders

The Attorney Generals Office advised the Board that once you get your certificate, you can renew it only before it expires. The law does not provide for late renewal or reinstatement of an expired certificate.

So that means, if your certificate expires, then you will have to apply as a new applicant. That means an application fee of \$75.00 and a certificate fee of \$75.00 and approval by the Board.

The Board sends out the renewal notices at least 60 days before your expiration date, to your address of record, which in most cases is your business/clinic address. If you have not updated your address with the Board, then there is a chance the mail will not get to you. Even if the renewal notice did not get to you, it is your responsibility to renew, before your certificate expires.

You can check on our website to find out when your certificate expires and your address of record. To do this click on "Find an Acupuncturist", fill in #2 with your last name and on #3, change the dot to auricular acupuncturist and hit enter.

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### ***Welcome Aboard New Acupuncture Licensees (Total of 57 new licensees)***

#### **January 2006**

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mary T. O'Neill, L.Ac.   | A.DeEtte Doyle, L.Ac.      |
| Hsin-Hsin Chang, L.Ac.   | Lori S. Gardner, L.Ac.     |
| Beverly K. Cowan, L.Ac.  | Dagmar Trebichavska, L.Ac. |
| Christina Lambert, L.Ac. | Julie Gorman, L.Ac.        |
| Rachel R. Cowell, L.Ac.  | Kerry L. Barrett, L.Ac.    |

#### **February 2006**

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|------------------------|--|
| Cortney Sumpter, L.Ac. |  |
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#### **March 2006**

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| Shannon L. Grampp, L.Ac.   | Courtney O'Brien, L.Ac. |
| David L. Lowenstein, L.Ac. |                         |

#### **April 2006**

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| Alaina Speraw, L.Ac. | Gerard S. Browne, L.Ac. |
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#### **May 2006**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jeanette E. Campbell, L.Ac. | Leigh E. Moore, L.Ac. |
| Jean Shum, L.Ac.            | Gail Thurman, L.Ac.   |
| Michele K. de'Medici, L.Ac. |                       |

#### **June 2006**

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Linda Kelley, L.Ac.  | Amy Gilsdorf, L.Ac. |
| Qingsong Xiao, L.Ac. | Pu-Quan Xiao, L.Ac. |
| Yilin Ma, L.Ac.      |                     |

#### **July 2006**

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|---------------------------|--|
| Patricia E. Martin, L.Ac. |  |
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#### **August 2006**

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| Donna M. ne Lona, L.Ac. | Karen Johnsrude, L.Ac. |
| Jose Ylagan See, L.Ac.  | Dahvid Weiss, L.Ac.    |
| Yasunao Aoi, L.Ac.      | Marie A. Yahner, L.Ac. |
| Casey C. Rein, L.Ac.    | Kathy L. Fisher, L.Ac. |
| Debra S. Manning, L.Ac. |                        |

#### **September 2006**

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Susan D. Stanko, L.Ac.    | Suzanne B. Berger, L.Ac.  |
| Jera L. Pennington, L.Ac. | Michelle C. Larson, L.Ac. |

#### **October 2006**

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Jungsoo Shim, L.Ac.       | Joan E. Spencer, L.Ac. |
| Karl T. Stertzbach, L.Ac. | Keith F. Zabik, L.Ac.  |
| Marie L. Veverka, L.Ac.   | Dewey G. Sparger       |

#### **November 2006**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Gregory V. Hunt, L.Ac.    | Keith Simmons, L.Ac.          |
| Michelle L. Burton, L.Ac. | Dawn L. Krueger-Sherin, L.Ac. |

#### **December 2006**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Cheri Brown, L.Ac.          | James E. Martin, L.Ac. |
| Tanya C. Christensen, L.Ac. | Loisanne Keller, L.Ac. |
| Amy E. Ringdahl, L.Ac.      | Hsiao Hsien Chu, L.Ac. |
| Roger L. Fenneman, L.Ac.    |                        |

### ***Welcome Aboard New Auricular Certificate Holders (Total of 22 new certificate holders)***

#### **January 2006**

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| Debra Pierce | Mary C. Nunn |
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#### **February 2006**

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|-------------------|--|
| Barbara Bronemann |  |
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#### **March 2006**

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| Alice Kibby |  |
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### April 2006

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| Veronica Soto | Thomas Becskehazy |
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### May 2006

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| Karen Smith       | Patricia Johnson |
| Heather Watkinson |                  |

### June 2006

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| Sue Tham |  |
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### July 2006

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| Helen M. Selwitschka | Brian W. Turner |
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### August 2006

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| Clarence E. Turner | David L. Lewis |
| Dina Cassata       |                |

### September 2006

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Kimberly Campbell | Tonya A. Thompson |
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### October 2006

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| NO APPLICANTS. |  |
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### November 2006

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|----------------|-------------|
| Abel R. Moreno | Rafael Vega |
| Karl A. Whyte  |             |

### December 2006

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| Nancy K. Scholtz | Cindy J. Diaz |
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## Board Actions

### Approval of Acupuncture Program

- T'ai Institute of Oriental Medicine/ The Florida School of Acupuncture
- The Community School of Traditional Chinese Healthcare--Florida

### Denial of Acupuncture Program

None for this time period.

### Denial of License

Three (3) applicants did not meet minimum educational requirements.

## Continuing Education Course Approval

Asian Institute of Medical Studies

TCM for TMD

13 hours (March 3-5, 2006)

Honso USA, Inc.

"Getting it Right": Managing and Sustaining a Successful Herbal Practice

7 hours (February 19, 2006)

## Review of Board Rules

The Board has completed its review of its rules and will be conducting public hearings on the recommended rule changes during 2007.

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## License Statistics

Current Number of Active Licenses: 419

Current Number of Active Certificates: 57

License Applications in 2006: 55

Certificate Applications in 2006: 24

Number of Licenses issued in 2006: 57

Number of Certificates issued in 2006: 22